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**TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR EMBEDDING DIGITAL WATERMARK, AND METHOD, APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR EXTRACTING DIGITAL WATERMARK**

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